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<p>MAYOR JERRY SANDERS FACT SHEET</p>

SANDERS APPOINTS JAVIER MAINAR NEW CHIEF OF SAN DIEGO FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Cites Stellar Qualifications of 29-Year Department Veteran

Mayor Jerry Sanders today appointed Javier Mainar the new chief of the city's Fire-Rescue Department. Mainar, who will replace retired Chief Tracy Jarman, has been the department's assistant fire chief since 2006. The City Council must approve the selection.

The mayor chose Mr. Mainar for his stellar record of service, his singular leadership abilities and his good judgment. Mr. Mainar joined the department in 1980 and rose steadily up the ranks, from firefighter and engineer to captain, battalion chief, division chief and assistant chief. He was the incident commander during the 2007 wildfires, charged with directing firefighting activities within the city limits.

"I couldn't be happier to have someone of Javier's talents taking the helm of our Fire-Rescue Department," Sanders said. "This is a man who enjoys the respect of virtually everyone, from his fellow employees to other top fire officials around the state."

If confirmed by the council, Mr. Mainar will take over a department with roughly 1,200 employees and a \$200 million budget. In 2008, Fire-Rescue responded to some 110,000 calls, roughly 82% of them medical- or rescue-related and 3% fire-related.

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